

throughout the school system has been that white people did not want me to learn. The philosophy in an updated version is that an educated black person is a good plowhand spoiled. We need this chance. I was sent to this Legislature by black people not to reflect ignorance but to indicate that the ignorance which is endemic to my community will have some chance of rectification. This is not going to solve the problem but it is a step in that direction. A terminally ill patient will not have his or her life saved through the ministrations of a doctor but nevertheless there is a proper medical treatment and care for even such a patient as that. I want the opportunity made available for those people who have not had it, and this will give it. It is not going to hurt the college of St. Mary's. It is not going to hurt UNO. It is not going to hurt Bellevue College. The only way any of those institutions can be hurt is if the students who got these academic courses at Metro Tech should then have a leg up and decide to enter one of these schools.

SENATOR MARSH: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So I think the aim of those objectors is to make certain that these students never darken their doorways literally and figuratively. I think Senator Morehead has been finessed on this and I don't blame her for looking at the letterhead and seeing College of St. Mary's and believing that everything in that letter has to be above board and ethical. Maybe there is just ignorance there in that letter rather than the type of attitude that I detect. But I am strongly in favor of this proposition and I ask the rest of you, or enough of the rest of you to vote for it so that it can move forward and ultimately pass.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I call the question.

SENATOR MARSH: I see five hands. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote yes, opposed vote no. Senator Marsh voting aye.